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EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Recovery of the Prince of Wales Probable.

The Prince of Wales Will Recover.

Special to the World.]

LONDON, December 14.—The highest medical authority gives assurance that the Prince of Wales will recover.

LONDON, December 14, 10 P. M.—An official bulletin from Sandringham announces that the Prince of Wales has passed a quiet afternoon and evening. His symptoms have remained unchanged since morning.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

BERLIN, December 14.—The *Provincial Correspondence* regards the message of Thiers to the Assembly as a fresh pledge of the pacific intention of the French Government.

LONDON, December 14.—The report that Parliament will be convened in January is contradicted.

MALTA, December 14.—Ex-Empress Eugenie has gone to Gibraltar, where she will take passage for England.

PARIS, December 14.—It is reported that the Orleans Princes have determined to take their seats in the Assembly at an early date, and that they when there will act with the party of the Right.

Marine News.

GLASGOW, December 14.—The steamship Iowa has arrived.

The Markets.

LONDON, December 14, 5 P. M.—The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £244,000. The rate of discount has advanced ¼ and is now 4 per cent. Consols, 92½, money; 92¾, account; 5-20s, 92, 92¾; 5-20s '65, 93½; 5-20s, '67, 96¾; 10-40s, 91¾.

FRANKFORT, December 14.—5-20s, 92, 93¼.

PARIS, December 14.—Rentes 56f. 20c.

LIVERPOOL, December 14.—Cotton, middling upland, Orleans, California wheat 12 7d; red winter 11 6d; flour, 25s@28s. Corn 32s 3d. Mess pork 58s.

ANTWERP, December 14.—Refined petroleum 48 francs.

Rossci's Last Days.

(Paris Correspondence of the New York World.]

The last days of Rossci were marked with the same calm courage that he has displayed throughout, reading "Charles XII," "Corneille," "Calvin," whom he passionately revered, "Schiller's Thirty Years' War," "Tennyson's Poems" in English, and an old book of prayers peculiar to the Cevenues, the home of his paternal ancestors. He made his will and left special legacies—that is, of notes and writings, for Rossel never lived a life of pleasure. The prison authorities had advertised Rossel he should have recourse to suicide, and when M. Passa referred to this Rossel answered: "I commit suicide! That would be to end like a wretch-stricken bather." As t e governor of the prison still seemed uneasy upon hospitality, Rossel took up a piece of glass which he had picked up in the exercise yard and observed, "that would have been sufficient had fany intention of suicide;" and then placing the glass in a piece of paper, handed it to the governor, adding, "have no fears I shall not die in open day." His last days were spent in study, and his conversation turned upon the most serious subjects. "The Benedictine's life is a fine one," said he. "This cell is a complete future if it were not so narrow and so high for eternity." He was simple behavior, free from all boasting, excited the respect of all, and justifies the saying of M. Sainte-Beuve, "How illiaire that "Rossel is a man whose hand we grasp, even when we do not know him."

He was calm and and grave. He talked on several subjects with wonted clearness. His eyes filled with tears as he mentioned his family, and expressed his grief at leaving them, who considered him their support. He showed the deepest concern for the destiny of France. He said: "You, my dear friend, are a Republican. Bear above all this in mind. Even if you do not reorganize (*refait*) this army anew, the army will undo (*defera*) the republic. I die for the socialist rights as a civilian. You may at least believe on this subject." The Protestant clergyman, Rev. M. Prasan, came about 5:30. Rossel received him again withdrew, and Rossel waived the Governor out of the cell, closed the door, and remained alone with his pastor. They were together half an hour, at the end of which time Rossel opened the door and recalled M. Joly, saying: "I have done with things spiritual, we may talk for a few minutes."

Religion has disarmed the king of terrors. Soothed, tranquilized by sure and certain hope of the life everlasting, Rossel abandoned himself to tender recollections, the kindnesses received. Let old friends still scandlize, his friends won by his early terrible doom. The clergyman and the lawyer wept. Rossel consoled and embraced them. "Mourn not," said he, "he who would not be judged by others ought to begin by judging himself. The Bible in advance points the moral of my story, 'judge not that ye be not judged.'"

THE WHARTON TRIAL.

Additional Testimony for the Prosecution.

ANNAPOLIS, December 14.—In the Wharton case to-day. Harry W. Snowden testified that he was called to the house of Mrs. Wharton on June 9th to nurse Gen. Ketchum. He described the symptoms of the General, and then said that shortly after 12:30 o'clock Mrs. Wharton stated to Mrs. Hilton that she had prepared General Ketchum's medicine, and at Mrs. Wharton's request witness administered a dose. Dr. Whitman was then called to the stand and prepared a dose of yellow jessamine, such as he presented for Ketchum. Witness resumed and said that the medicine as now prepared by Dr. Williams did not have the same appearance as the dose prepared by Mrs. Wharton and administered by him to Ketchum, which had a thick or cloudy, lead-colored appearance, whereas the preparation now before him was clear and transparent. Forty additional drops were added to the dose administered by him. It was still unlike that given to Ketchum. On cross-examination the witness stated that he had prepared a tartar emetic in the tumbler with the jessamine and water, and it was not probable the color he observed was that administered by him to Ketchum. The witness said that Ketchum was also placed in the tumbler with the tartar emetic and jessamine, and that the mixture produced a brown color, which, in some lights, might have appeared gray or lead color.

Eugene Vaniess testified: He resides in Baltimore; has resided there eighteen years; has known Mrs. Wharton nine years; was at her house about the 9th of June, when General Ketchum was there. Mr. Syester—Do not answer the question I am about to ask you until you have heard from the Court. I wish you to state to the jury how you came to be at Mrs. Wharton's house on that day; and if well or sick, and describe your feelings and symptoms fully, and how you happened to be sick there? The witness objected, and a lengthy argument ensued.

CHICAGO.

Death of O. H. Hess—Remains Found—Condition of the Republic Insurance Company.

CHICAGO, December 14.—Dr. O. H. Hess, formerly business manager of the Crosby Opera House, who, it will be remembered, attempted to commit suicide by a few weeks ago by shooting himself in a saloon on State street, died last night in Mercy Hospital from the effect of his wounds.

The remains of James Thompson, who has been missing since the fire, were discovered yesterday afternoon under the debris of a building on North Clark, near Illinois street. He was a man of considerable wealth.

The directors and stockholders of the Republic Fire Insurance Company of this city have been in session the past two days. Yesterday nothing of importance was accomplished. To-day the report of the auditing committee appointed to examine into the financial condition was read. It sets forth that the total credit indebtedness was $854,000; amount of Chicago claims on file but not adjusted, $1,100,000; Chicago claims not presented, $500,000; other losses, $65,000; amount required to cancel policies, $251,000. The committee recommended that stockholders pay on the latter amount until it be paid up and the Company's liabilities liquidated. They also recommended that said losses be adjusted as soon as possible on the best terms obtainable, but that in the meantime no more business be transacted, and no further liabilities be incurred, and that no assessment should be enforced beyond what it absolutely necessitates and requires for the occasion. On motion, the report was accepted and placed on file. It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee of the company be requested to appoint from their own number a sub-committee, to confer with those who have claims on the company, and ascertain in we had amount a compromise may be effected for cash, to be paid down on the first day of March, 1872, and that said sub-committee consist of three members, to report at the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders, which will take place in January next.

NEW YORK.

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THE INTERNATIONALS PERMITTED TO PARADE.

At a special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon, a resolution was passed rescinding the order recently issued by the Superintendent to prevent the parade of the International societies on Sunday, and another resolution was adopted instructing the Superintendent to take the necessary measures to prevent a breach of the peace on the occasion of such procession, and to protect the public from disorderly individuals.

THE CLAFLIN FAMILY AGAIN IN COURT.

This afternoon Miss Tennie C. Claflin appeared at the Jefferson Market Police Court and complained to Justice Shandley that her father and mother were a source of continual annoyance to her and Mrs. Woodhull. She complained especially that they went to her residence on Wednesday that they and created a great disturbance. Justice Shandley issued a summons for their appearance before him this morning, to answer the charge of their daughter.

SUNDRY MATTERS.

The Receiver of the Ocean Bank has paid $60,000 of the sum due the Clearing House, and promises the balance to-morrow. He believes $266,000 of the $700,000 discounted bills are good.

The Communist General Wroblowski has arrived here from Paris.

The mail-box is now said to be epidemic in Brooklyn.

The challenge of Tom Kelly to Joe Coburn, for a prize fight, is published.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH

Three stores, five saloons, a harness shop and a meat shop, were burned at Appleton, Wis., on Wednesday. Loss $10,000.

General Capron, late Commissioner of Agriculture, is in Dayton, purchasing implements for the Japanese Government, under which he has accepted a position similar to that which he recently resigned.

Advices from Tucson, Arizona, state that 108 men, including seventy friendly Indians, pleaded not guilty to indictments for murder, in killing Apaches at Grant reservation, and all went to trial at once. Their acquittal was anticipated.

In Sonora, Mexico, the Federal troops have quelled a revolt against the Juarez government, routing the revolutionists, capturing all the officers, one hundred mules and arms, equipage and other supplies.

Mrs. Gorsen's residence in Buffalo was entered, while the family was at dinner last night, and $4,000 in Government bonds of 1868 stolen.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Pittsburgh's Most Urgent Need Competing Lines of Railway.

THE URGENT NECESSITY OF PITTSBURGH—COMPETING LINES OF RAILWAY.

To the Editor of The Pittsburgh Commercial:

It was, perhaps, pleasant to most of your readers, to learn from your correspondent, "C," in the COMMERCIAL of the 9th inst., that notwithstanding their long line of defeat, and the terrible brandish from Colonel Scott, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company have not yet retired from the field, but propose to peg away on the old line, and, "in time," make all necessary connections.

Of this, however, we had but little doubt, knowing that Mr. Garrett, although lamentably slow, yet very seldom surrenders; but, as the present generation have no promise of the length of life allotted to Abraham, we felt at liberty to suggest that, owing to his tardy movements, it seemed very improbable that his long promised connections would be of much benefit to the present roll of Pittsburgh manufacturers. For, if these useful people need anything more than another, it is railway competition, and that just now!

A glance at the situation will show this. In the East, the Pennsylvania line has been extended, with unbroken rail, to New York; and, in the West, its prominent termini have been established, with great sagacity, at the great, growing trade centers of Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago. Now, consider its manner of business, and its effect upon Pittsburgh interests will be readily seen. We have not at hand the latest freight tariff, but from a schedule which recently prevailed, we present the rates from New York to certain points, along with those from Pittsburgh to the same places, the figures in either case being given in cents per hundred pounds, viz:

New York to Chicago	$24
Pittsburgh to Chicago	35
New York to St. Louis	32
Pittsburgh to St. Louis	40
New York to Cincinnati	23
Pittsburgh to Cincinnati	30
New York to Cairo	34
Pittsburgh to Cairo	50
New York to Indianapolis	24
Pittsburgh to Indianapolis	30
New York to Fort Wayne	23
Pittsburgh to Fort Wayne	30
New York to Evansville	29
Pittsburgh to Columbus	25
New York to Dayton	20
Pittsburgh to Dayton	30
New York to Evansville	45
Pittsburgh to Evansville	70

Now, "look on this picture, then on this, and it will appear how immensely Pittsburgh suffers by such unfortunate discrimination. Similar results, too, are observed elsewhere, freights being invariably high where there is but one competing, and *vice versa*. The remark applies likewise, not alone to the Pennsylvania lines, but to lines everywhere, in so much that that competition means low freights, and low freights brisk trade.

We are not, therefore, wishing to repeat the old, stereotyped complaint against "the great monopoly," for other lines are operated in exactly the same manner, and are obnoxious to the same complaints. But we would desire to press upon the citizens of Pittsburgh, the importance of an immediate effort for competing lines, and to stir them up to do as other places are doing, namely: help themselves. for it is emphatically in such that God gives those a lift who try their own hand on the lever. Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville and many other places of much less importance, are awake to the importance of this matter, and surely Pittsburgh should not be idle.

Her prosperity is pre-eminently due to her manufactures; but it is to be remembered that many of which are revolutionizing things everywhere, have ceased to be a new, and have become staple manufacturing industries are springing up all over the country. At Brazil, Indiana, and other places, natural gas is used in the place of coal. For instance, iron is being smelted and rolled, and nails made with great success, and at low but profitable rates. Nearer home, Wheeling is about to point to the valleys of the Mahoning and the Shenango, which are being lighted up from mills and furnace-fires from end to end, and such brisk towns as Youngstown, Warren, Niles, Ballsteeny, the New Castle and Greenville, owing to their peculiar coal and the contiguity to the lake ores, are said to be capable of making almost any kind that Pittsburgh rates.

Moreover, the great valley of the Kanawha and similar sections of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, regions which are destined to open up the elements for the profitable production of iron, are now being opened up; and, in the nature of things, it is to be feared that Pittsburgh, unless she will, to some extent, come in competition with Pittsburgh rates, will be left behind. In the meantime, the Lehigh, the Schuylkill and other parts of Eastern Pennsylvania, capital is now being invested in the diversified branches of iron manufactures, in heavier blocks, and to a greater extent than at any previous time, and of other instances might be cited, but these will suffice to illustrate the idea that railroads are constantly on departure," the probable results of which, it may not be unprofitable to anticipate.

Hence the question of transportation is an important one; for, other things being equal, points having the advantage of the lowest rates will command the market, and in these spots capital will centre its stakes and sweep the field.

But low freights come only through competition, and at present, as is well known, there is no competition whatever at Pittsburgh, for west bound freights, all the roads, the Pan Handle, Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Columbus, Xenia and Chicago, Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston being virtually consolidated with the Pennsylvania road, and wedded to her tracks with rails more durable than steel.

And this accounts for merchandise passing from New York, via Philadelphia, to St. Louis, at rates thirteen cents per hundred less than similar goods are carried from Pittsburgh to the same place, because New York has competition, while Pittsburgh has none. In all the roads, with every appearance from Managers General and "General Managers" down to assistant depot-chapman, being controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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It is no secret, although it was intended it should be so kept, that irregularities exist in the Philadelphia Mint. A commission has been investigating, and a change in the office of Director, if no other, will shortly be made. Awhile ago a report was abroad of a considerable deficiency, and which had been made good from an ample private fortune; but this is not so well authenticated as that of the impending change, be the cause what it may. Taking the Philadelphia officials as a whole, it cannot be said that the run of luck has been extremely fortunate.

The movement by Senator Morton for the adjournment of Congress in May is a wise one, in a political as well as a general sense. It will be Presidential year, and it would not help the Republicans to have Congress in session while the canvass is going on. Leading interests almost always experience uneasiness while Congress is in full blast, and relief at the adjournment. It has more than once happened that the dominant party has found its worst trouble in being held responsible for the action or inaction of Congress. It is in view of past experience most likely that Mr. Morton desires to fix the day of adjournment, and in this he shows himself a prudent politician.

A correspondent, who appears to write in seriousness, gives it as his opinion that the explanation of Mr. John W. Garrett's management of his road, is that Col. Scott of the Pennsylvania Road, has got him completely in his power, and that the ruinous policy on Mr. John W. Garrett's road is dictated by Scott for the benefit of his own road. In other words, instead of buying the Baltimore and Ohio and its connections, according to the general policy of the Pennsylvania Road, Scott has got Garrett in his power, and is running him instead of running his road. The explanation is simple, and not altogether improbable: for it is entirely true that Mr. John W. Garrett's management is so perfectly in the interest of the Pennsylvania Road that Colonel Scott would not change it a particle. If the explanation of our correspondent is not quite correct in fact, it is perfectly so as far as results are concerned.

Every man is, of course, expected to know his own condition better than any one else can understand it for him; but no one is justified in supposing that because he is sick, all the rest of the world is therefore ill. Thus, when the Boston *Post* asserts that, as a people, we are "degraded to the condition of Cuba and Mexico," it should be understood as simply meaning that itself is in a state of most admired disorder, since it cannot possibly have any reference to the people of the country generally, for the sufficient reason that the rebellion which sought to Mexicanize us did not succeed. What a pity it is that where there is so much wit there should be so little veracity and good judgment. While the *Post*, and the party of which it is one of the exponents, are bemoaning the ruined state of the country, the Government, as a purchaser, has to pay for its own bonds at par in gold. What a commentary!

Those administration members of the Senate who resist Mr. Trumbull's proposition to inquire into certain defalcations under the Government, render themselves liable to be misunderstood and Gen. Grant to unjust criticism, by exposing themselves and the administration to the charge of fearing the truth. Any scheme of the common enemy to set in motion an electioneering machine, it would be altogether proper to oppose; but inquiry from political friends, conducted by Senators as fair minded and just as Trumbull or Wilson, Gen. Grant and the administration would have no reason to fear,—the only harm that can come is from seeming to fear it. Therefore, if we do not misapprehend the inquiry which Mr. Trumbull proposes, we are under the impression that those Senators who oppose it make a mistake. Their course puts a club in the hands of the opposition, who do not disguise the satisfaction which opposition from Republican Senators to Mr. Trumbull's proposition gives them.

A Democratic journal of the hide-and-seek persuasion, having recently suggested the name of General Hindman, of Arkansas, as a proper selection for the Vice Presidency upon the proposed Presidential ticket, another paper of the same ilk reminds its neighbor that the nomination is impracticable, for the reason that the person in question has been dead a number of years. This fact, however, ought not to stand in the way for a single minute; it might, on the contrary, be urged as an additional reason for running him. Nothing could be in better keeping with a dead party than a dead candidate; and if to this homogeneity is superadded the selection of William Cullen Bryant for the Presidential nomination, as suggested by Montgomery Blair, the party will have given evidence of the possession of unusual wisdom and perception of the eternal fitness of things. With a dead man as the candidate for the second place, the author of "Thanatopsis" as the nominee for the first position, and a following which has lain so long in the grave "that it stinketh," a procession would be formed still more striking in its features than that other innumerable caravan, whose passage to the "pale realms of shade" the venerable poet has in solemn and lofty verse so eloquently described.

An Immigration Convention is now in session in Richmond, Va., for the purpose of perfecting plans and devising means for attracting settlers and otherwise increasing the industrial and producing elements of the Commonwealth. Referring to which, the Richmond *Enquirer*, in a spasm of political sagacity and common sense, says:

> "Old family ideas and old familiar ideas both must give way to new thoughts—and henceforward it must not be what a man has been, but what he is, and is capable of becoming, that must govern our conduct toward him. We must imbibe the hands and ways of new countries, if we would share the prosperity which builds up their fortunes."

True as gospel, every word; and it is to be sincerely hoped that the principle which the *Enquirer* now discerns so clearly, may not subsequently become obscure in its vision. Yet it is not a year ago since the same journal held almost precisely the same language with respect to the needs of the old Mother of State, a month afterwards crawling back into its shell, angry with the sunlight and ashamed of its acknowledgment that the hour was broad day. "These be brave words, my masters," but fine speeches butter no parsnips. A little less enthusiastic gush, with a little more practical recognition and exemplification of liberal doctrines, will considerably increase the confidence of the people of other States and countries in the sincerity of these high professions. Among the "well-known laws" of immigration and emigration, which the *Enquirer* states "must be accepted and adopted as the basis of any scheme which may be decided upon in Virginia," are these: that free schools shall be fostered, and whipping posts be torn out of the ground; that one law and one practice shall exist and obtain equally for the rich man and the poor, for the black citizen as for the white. Verbal philosophy is one thing—statesmanship in practice is quite another. When Virginia forsakes class-quackery and caste-injustice, opening her welcoming arms equally to all, and throwing her protecting arms equally around all, the capital and immigration which she needs will begin to flow toward her, and new blood to circulate in her enfeebled veins. Until then, her healthful climate and fertile soil will woo and beckon in vain.

PAST EXPERIENCE ENFORCING PRESENT DUTY.

About a month before the New York State election, Mr. Samuel J. Tilden, in a public letter intended to unite and arouse the citizens of New York in an effort to reform their municipal government, said:

> "When Seward and Weed took the place of Wright, Marcy and Flagg, public and official morality fell in the twinkling of an eye."

Referring to this passage, the veteran editor and politician, Thurlow Weed, comes to the rescue of his old friend in a letter to the *Times*, which does credit alike to his heart and head; showing that, notwithstanding the fact that at no period in the history of the State were political conflicts more bitter and exciting, or the opponents of the administration more distinguished for ability and experience, no official act of demoralization against the Executive or the Whig State officers, was even so much as alleged, throughout the entire four years of Governor Seward's administration. When it is recollected that no error in judgment, defect in policy, mistake or omission in the discharge of public duty, could have escaped the Argus-eyed vigilance of Governor Marcy, General Dix, Edwin Croswell and other great leaders of the Democratic party, the simple fact that no allegations of fraud or dishonesty were made against Governor Seward, but that the opposition foward him turned purely and invariably on questions of governmental policy, may be considered as pretty conclusive evidence that he left the Gubernatorial chair without spot or blemish upon his official reputation. One passage in Mr. Weed's letter is especially significant and deserving of present study. He says: "There was in those days, in the attention which the people gave to their own affairs, a salutary restraint upon rulers." These men were conscious that citizenship imposed duties as well as conferred rights. They knew, to use a homely phrase, that they could not eat their candy and have it too, and hence gave to public affairs the attention and scrutiny which the gravity and importance of the public welfare demanded. This is the paramount lesson which the better sort of citizens in our day have to learn. Nature, we are told, abhors a vacuum; and in the degree in which worthy men neglect, evade or refuse to bear their proper share of the public burden and inconvenience, unworthy and unscrupulous men, charlatans, self-seekers and corruptionists, will inevitably step to the front and assume the reins of management. The letter of Mr. Weed was intended merely as a vindication of the venerable sage of Auburn from the ungenerous and unjust aspersions cast upon him by Mr. Tilden, but, particularly in the passage we have quoted, it contains food for reflection on the part of us all. The interests and welfare of the people—the honor and dignity of the State—are only to be secured and maintained through the conscientious and faithful discharge of individual duty. On these props is the nation pillared: when they fail, it falls.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Americans used to complain very justly of the misapprehension and misrepresentations of their national manners and opinions which found expression in English newspapers, reviews, and conversation. And whether the misstatements to which we refer, were the result of ignorance or of malice, they seemed equally objectionable, as ignorance or misinformation concerning things so important to us, and so easily investigated, was naturally regarded as evidence of a degree of indifference hardly less offensive to our self-esteem than positive malignity would have been. Though we may not deny that we had some reason for complaint, it is only fair to admit that our self-love sometimes made us unjust, and that in the heat of our indignation, we were apt to forget how difficult it is for one nation to judge another, how easy it is for the people of one country honestly to adopt erroneous conclusions respecting the people of another three thousand miles away. In fact, while aggrieved at British men and women for their rash and groundless inductions touching our ways, purposes and opinions, we were often quite as hasty and irrational in our judgments touching British ways, purposes and opinions. From the flippant talk and bad manners of certain American women in the "New York horse-cars" to infer the general vulgarity of our countrywomen, or from an disreputable scene in the House of Representatives at Washington, or from the speeches of General Butler, or from the actions of prominent members of our consular service abroad; from any one or from all these to infer the character of the American people, is hardly more foolish than any one of several generalizations regarding Great Britain which have found rather wide and ready acceptance among us. We have, no doubt, taken too many words to express a truth with which our intelligent readers are familiar, and of which they must have been vividly reminded during the last ten days, by the telegraphic dispatches concerning the Prince of Wales.

To persons on this side of the Atlantic, who during the last eight or nine years have taken newspaper statements as trustworthy, the tenor of some of these dispatches must have seemed very surprising. According to the veracious chronicles of the times, the character of the Prince is radically bad. In spite of the immense prestige with which he was in the beginning invested, a prestige derived from the pure and amiable nature of his mother, and from the noble and commanding character, and great, though unostentatious, services of his father, the conduct of the heir apparent had been such as completely to lift him from his vantage ground, and to render him an object of general prejudice. Among the lighter defects or offenses laid to the Prince's charge was a lack of tact or contempt for the feelings of his inferiors in station, by which, it is alleged, even devoted adherents to his house like Dean Stanley, had been disgusted and alienated. Even overt acts in proof of the charge were reported. General frivolity and essential shallowness of nature, and utter failure to recognize the importance of the high duties of his position, must also be ranked among the trivial faults ascribed to his Highness. And they certainly appeared relatively trivial by the side of other ethical shortcomings and trangressions, which were freely and commonly spoken of in connection with his name. Though respectable English journals did not venture or choose to enter into details on so delicate a subject, some of them did not hesitate, either in allusion or by direct reference, to give admonitions and warnings which could not but be understood as confirmation of the popular gossip; while such publications as Reynolds's newspaper, circulating almost exclusively among the laboring classes, for the purpose of propagandism was wont to descant on the topic with unconcealed delight. The apologetic phrases—"*vix ut referri audirive, nedum credi fas sit*"—with which Suetonius enters on the narrative of the best known portion of the career of Tiberius, would have seemed to such chroniclers of scandal an unworthy sacrifice of effect to irrational sensibility.

Partly as the legitimate result of the reputation thus apparently established, it has for several years been common in Great Britain within certain social circles to represent the Prince as having utterly forfeited the good will of his prospective subjects and, indeed, his chances of succession. And this notion in connection with exaggerated statements relative to the progress of republicanism in the island, had undoubtedly made a very deep impression on this side of the water. Certain American newspapers have labored in the inculcation of the delusion with as much assiduity as if the downfall of the old English monarchy had been a matter of immediate domestic concern. How erroneous are the notions thus diffused concerning the state of political feeling in Great Britain and among the ruling classes in Ireland, has been made very manifest by the effect of the Prince's illness. In despite of strong republican feeling within a narrow range, and in despite of earnest demands for reforms in the direction of economy of administration, there can be no doubt that the great mass of the British people are hostile to any decided change of government. They are contented with and proud of their past, and they are almost superstitiously devoted to the monarchical form, its roots running broad and deep through their social state and political life. So far as the Prince of Wales is concerned, whatever may be his character, his death would be regarded by all intelligent Britons as a great calamity, in view of its effects. In all monarchical countries a regency is almost necessarily an unsatisfactory government and a time of peril. English history contains abundant illustrations of this truth, and there never was a period when a regency was more to be dreaded than the present, especially as under its auspices it would seem nearly impossible to carry out the internal changes and reforms which are seen to be essential to the prosperity of the country. Of another thing we may be well assured, which is that there has been nothing in the career of the Prince of Wales hitherto to render him unacceptable to his subjects. The prayers throughout the Empire sent up for his recovery are doubtless as sincere as such prayers ever are. The *Daily Telegraph*, a liberal journal of wide circulation and considerable influence, trusts that the Prince's illness may have a good effect upon his character, and awaken him to a sense of his duties. In this spirit, no doubt, his past is generally remembered. If his known errors are called to mind at all, they are thought of in connection with the obvious difficulties and temptations of his position. If he had not staggered under them, he must have been more or less than human. Besides the ordinary trials of an heir apparent, the Prince has had to endure the harsh judgments of the Queen, who, though a good woman, is notoriously narrow in her views and makes no allowance for infirmities from which she is herself exempt. These infirmities, however, happen to be of a kind for which Englishmen of all classes are well known to have peculiar indulgence, and of which the memory would be completely effaced by the act of coronation, even if it survived the moment of succession. As for those graver offenses, on which Reynolds's newspaper loved to dwell, it is absolutely certain that they had no existence, save in the filthy imaginations of those moral buzzards, who are found in every community, and who gloat over a mangled reputation as their malodorous congener gloats over carrion. That the report of them gained so much currency as it did, was, of course, due to the readiness with which many, who would scorn to invent a lie of the kind, yet condescend to repeat it, when the object of it happens to be in any way distinguished.

ASSERTIONS VS. FACTS.

In the course of an article designed as a reply to a paper on "the inconsistencies of free traders," in a protectionist journal, the New York *Bulletin*, after stating that it is not the wages a mechanic receives which measures his prosperity, but the amount of work he is compelled to give in exchange for what he consumes, proceeds, in substance, to express its belief that the Irish "hog trotter," who lives the year round upon the proceeds of a potato patch and a pigstye, is better off in point of fact than the Irish laborer in New York with wages at a dollar and a half a day; while with reference to English labor it remarks that—

> "A printer in London can buy with the labor of nine days, six hours and thirty minutes, a suit of fine broadcloth clothes, which would cost the American workingman twelve days' labor, or he can purchase six shirts with three days and five hours' labor, while the American mechanic must work six days for six shirts of a poorer quality; or he can buy a pair of calf skin boots with the labor of two days and a half, while both of an inferior quality cost the protected American mechanic the labor of from three days and a half to five days."

Will our contemporary be good enough to explain how it comes about that, with all these home advantages in favor of the workingmen of England and Ireland, there should be such a steady and constantly increasing flow of emigration of the laboring classes from those countries? It is not a sufficient answer to say that opportunities of employment are more frequent in the United States than in Great Britain or on the continent of Europe; since it is principally from the steadily employed classes that our accessions of foreign population are drawn. The pauper classes of those countries, as contradistinguished from its industrial orders, are from the very nature of the case precluded from getting away; their absolute poverty prevents them. It is chiefly those who by constant employment have, through year-long exercise of the most rigid frugality, economy and self-denial, been able to save up a little money to pay their passage across the sea, who set their faces hitherward; and when the money is not thus obtained it is derived from remittances sent by friends who have preceded them here, and who, out of their "dollar and a half a day," have saved enough to snatch their kindred in the old home from starvation. Men and women do not pluck the roots of their lives out of their native soil, and transplant themselves into far, strange lands, without a sufficient reason. People do not voluntarily exchange the better for the worse, nor, having done so, contentedly remain in the less desirable condition; while the money—ranging from one to five millions of dollars per annum—which our naturalized citizens remit to their friends and relatives in Europe for the purpose, chiefly, of getting them out here, is a sufficient refutation of the free trade fallacies of the *Bulletin*, whose argument—did it possess vitality or force—should at once stop the stream of immigration, if indeed it did not turn it the other way.

French Decadence.

One of the saddest and most convincing proofs of the moral and social decadence into which France has fallen, is afforded in the suggestion lately made by a writer in a prominent journal of Paris, that the nation should replenish its exhausted exchequer by legalizing public gambling establishments, and organizing them on a gigantic scale throughout the country. After declaring that the end justifies the means, this writer proceeds to state that by the aid of its gaming tables Germany was enabled to construct railroads, schools, hospitals, barracks, and to put herself in a position to conquer France. "The gaming tables have done it all," he exclaims; "and now, in order to flatter Protestant hypocrisy," Germany is about to be so foolish as to abolish them; an opportunity for France which, if properly improved, will bring about "the very salvation of the country." It then proceeds to enumerate all the spas of France, and points out that it only requires a law authorizing the Government to grant gambling licenses to all these places "in order to replenish at once our empty coffers." The writer of the article further states that if the French Government will confer upon him the power to establish houses of this character at discretion, with the right of underletting and transmission to his heirs, he will engage to pay into the national treasury the sum of two hundred and fifty millions of francs per annum, or five milliards in twenty years—the latter sum being the exact amount of the German war indemnity. That this programme is seriously proposed is evident from the arguments with which the writer reinforces his proposition. He claims that the resources of France and the clubs of Paris are all of them gambling houses in disguise, and that the system of raising public loans with lotteries and prizes contains the same principle which lies at the bottom of his own scheme. The bold, outspoken profligacy of the suggestion, made in such a business like manner, as though it were the most natural project in the world—proposed, too, at a time when in other countries the system is falling under the general condemnation of society, indicates a demoralization of the tone of the public mind by no means reassuring to those who hope to see that unhappy country come out of her tribulations strengthened for the accomplishment of honorable purposes and deeds.

Among the variety of plans suggested for the funding of the national debt, the following proposition of a correspondent of the New York *Tribune* seems to be one of the simplest and least impracticable. Its plan, in brief, is, first, to have Congress pass a consolidated loan to run thirty years, interest at 3-65-100 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly in gold, the government to exchange greenbacks at par for such bonds, or *vice versa*, at the option of the holder. Second: Banks to exchange all their high-price bonds for the new at par, or surrender their charter. Third: To treat gold as a commodity, and tax the seller one-half of one per cent. This, he argues, would break up speculation in gold, and in less than five years it would not be wanted by the merchants or by the people, except to pay duties on imports. He holds the debt of the United States, paying the above interest per annum, to be a better standard of values than gold, and believes it would be the most convenient money ever devised. He would make gold receivable in payments of debt at par, but if transferred above par it should pay a tax to the government.

Chicago's latest affliction comes to that unfortunate city in the shape of small pox. From the mortuary reports we ascertain that the deaths in that city from this loathsome disease, for the week ending December 2d, were one hundred and five, and those for that terminating on Saturday last one hundred and twenty-nine, an increase of twenty four. It is a matter worthy of remark that almost all the victims of the disease are persons of foreign birth and parentage, and the cases are mainly confined to the west side. The Health Inspector of the city in his last report to the Board of Health, states as one of the causes leading to the spread of this disease an ignorant objection to vaccination, which exists among the laboring classes, more particularly the Irish. A small pox hospital has been fitted up and the Board of Health has taken vigorous steps to stop the progress and increase of the malady.

The following snake story is told in a letter written from Owsley county, Kentucky: "I went to my upper farm to see my tenant, and found him prepared to move. On inquiring the cause, he told me the house was haunted—some persons swept it every night. He moved out and I moved in—in order to dislodge the ghost if possible. The third night, about midnight, the sweeping commenced. I arose from my bed as quick as I could, to get a light, and while I was getting a light the cat attacked the ghost, and a fight commenced. The cat was whipped pretty quick. I ran in with the light and there my eyes met a sight that made my blood run cold in my veins—the largest kind of a rattle snake, in his coils, twisting and rattling at a fearful rate. He had sixteen rattles and one button."

Steamboat owners are in Washington in great force. There is a very general disposition to favor the modification of the steamboat law, and we regard the steamboatmen as the best judges of a law which should govern their duties and provide for the safety of life and property entrusted to their care. There is no desire on the part of the steamboatmen to evade a just law, but the existing one is considered by them so obnoxious that they ask Congress to relieve them of its extremes. The Committee assembled represent nearly $200,000,000 worth of steam vessel capital, and over one-fourth of the entire steam tonnage of the United States.

Our domestic commerce, maintained by means of the little postal "money orders," has already reached annual sum of $42,000,000, being one-twelfth as much as our whole foreign commerce. To our whole domestic commerce they can hardly stand in the relation of even 1 to 2,000. Admitting, however, that they contribute even a thousandth part, then the total interior commerce of the Union must stand to the foreign in the relation of 8 to 1.

If the failure of Philadelphia to afford sufficient encouragement to induce the Nilsson manager to give week of Italian opera there was from want of enterprise and musical taste, the facts sadly against that city; but if it was a systematic and thoroughly meant rebuke of Strakosh and his extortionate managements, it is greatly to its credit.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

There is a general rumor afloat that the Commissioners having in charge the centennial exhibition in 1876, have been canvassed upon a proposition which has for its object the assumption of the entire expenses of the exhibition by the United States, in consideration of which this State is to donate to the government, the Philadelphia State House and Independence Square. The idea is a novel one and the rumor needs confirmation.

Affairs in Mexico do not seem to be improved by the re-election of Juarez. His high handed action in securing the position by overawing and purchasing Congress, has had the effect of alienating the esteem of the people. Juarez has filled the Presidential chair so long (for a Mexican official,) that he seems to think he has a mortgage on it.

A concluded statement of the amount of whisky produced in the States for the month of September last shows the number of bushels of grain mashed by members of the association to have been 834,933, producing 9,971,788 gallons of whisky. By distillers outside of the association there were mashed 332,645 bushels of grain, producing 1,119,683 gallons of whisky. The State of Ohio had mashed in the association 250,995 bushels, producing 925,946 gallons; outside the association 48,098 bushels, producing 126,561 gallons. J. W. Graff, of Cincinnati, is the largest manufacturer in the United States.

A Rev. Mr. Whittaker held during last summer the position of Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln Institute, a school for the education of the colored children of Missouri. During a session of the Board Mr. Whittaker became involved in a controversy with a Colonel Foster, one of his colleagues, and by way of settling the matter the reverend gentleman deliberately rose and spit in the face of the Colonel. The enraged exspectorator was requested to apologize, but he refused to do so, and further stated that it was his intention to insult Colonel Foster. The reverend gentleman was promptly expelled, and has now caused a summons to be served on Governor Brown, ex-officio President of the Board, demanding to be reinstated in his rights. Is the privilege of spitting in his colleague's face included?

But few persons have any idea of the magnitude of the Texas cattle trade. It is stated that during the past year no less than 600,000 beeves have been driven from Texas into Kansas, Nebraska, and the western States. It requires about 20,000 head of cattle to feed the Indians which are not included in the above estimate, but which are purchased by the government of Texas traders.

Rossel, the French revolutionist, just before his death addressed the following letter to a friend:

> "My Dear M. Passa: I charge you if ever the party which I have supported should attain power, and if it should threaten its adversaries with its vengeance, to make use of this letter to tell them that at my last hour I earnestly ask those who have the honor to defend liberty not to avenge its virtues; that would be unworthy of liberty and of us who are dead." Your very devoted L. Rossel."
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> "November 28, 5:30 A. M."

Two imitations of the celebrated Davenport Brothers, who style themselves the Thorpe Brothers, are amusing the New York public. In addition to the other mummeries connected with the exhibition, these men claim the power of curing sickness of infirmities by the laying on of hands. Quite a number of foolish people nightly mount the platform and allow these charlatans to go through their manipulations.

It is expected that Kossuth, after his long absence from Hungary, will in a short time visit this country. A pamphlet edition of his letters has been published in Pesth, which is being very widely circulated.

A correspondent from Columbia, S. C., states that a prominent gentleman who testified before the Congressional Investigating Committee that no Ku-Klux outrages had occurred in his county is in great distress of mind. He is painfully impressed with the conviction that his testimony was false, and is seeking advice as to "what to do about it." An eminent legal gentleman has advised him to write to the Committee and confess his error. This man has set a good example, and to the large number who were also "mistaken" the best advice is—go and do likewise.

The late elections for members of the municipal councils in Spain resulted in a grand triumph for the Republican party. The people in the towns and villages of that country are rapidly being converted to Democratic principles.

Prince Alexis understands the European habit of cheerfully feeing servants, which is a peculiarity of the old world. When he departed from Philadelphia he left two hundred dollars to be distributed among the servants at the Continental Hotel, and gave Mayor Fox twenty-five dollars for the man who stopped his runaway horses.

The annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics on Commerce and Navigation, for the fiscal year 1871, which is now in press, states the total value of and duty on the principal articles consumed during the year ending June 30th, 1871, to be—value, $818,789,518; duty, $202,446,673.

The Mexican government is so thoroughly bankrupt that it has no money with which to pay its soldiers. General Palacio, General Corina and the guardian of the empty treasury have made a financial arrangement which consists of making a forced loan upon the merchants of Matamoras. These have refused, however, but one excepted, to yield before the argument of cold steel. The American citizens, however, confide in the good will of Brownsville, and the United States flag which waves over it, as a protection against this exaction. They should not be disappointed.

An eccentric lady named Abby Campton, recently died at Turner's, New York. Her administrators while inventorying her effects found various sums of money in unexpected places. Thus, there were 725 between the leaves of an old singing book, and about $60 in bills, $30 in silver and one $5 gold piece in a teapot. They also found among some clothing $60 in gold and $10 in silver; wrapped up in some shirts $100 in bills, and in another garment $40 in bills in an old sugar bowl well covered with rags, 15 25 in silver, and near the bottom of a chest filled with trumpery $80 in silver and $35 in gold. Among the other pieces found were German, French and American. Some of the oldest Spanish pieces were 1778, 1791, 1795, 1799, and American pieces 1853 and 1856.

Storied Lucknow reappears as the scene of a new terror, late dispatches stating that the cholera is raging with great fatality among the natives of that place and vicinity.

A dozen first-class ships, with their cargoes, were cast last week in the St. Lawrence river, below Quebec, by the early setting in of winter.

The right of suffrage is more generally enjoyed by the male citizens over twenty-one years of age in Vermont than in any other State of the Union. There is no payment of taxes required, and on election days town papers ride to the voting places in carriages, sent expressly for them.

The new agricultural order—Patrons of Husbandry—appears to flourish in the Western States. In Iowa over eighty "granges" of the Order have been organized, many of which have carried the co-operative system into practical application, thereby saving many thousands of dollars to the farmers in the purchase of implements from manufacturers, and in the shipment of stock direct to the east, avoiding all middle men. It is believed that this order, if rightly used, may be made the means of revolutionizing the agricultural traffic of the country and emancipating it entirely from those impositions to which it has hitherto been too largely exposed.

Within a few months two hundred thousand sides of sole leather have been shipped from this country to England, whence it will find its way to markets on the continent, principally to France and Germany. The value of this shipment is more than half a million dollars. This exportation relieves the market of goods not readily sold, and it is believed that there will be a market for the same class of leather in future years.

In the town of Vallejo, Cal., there is only one Bible. It is black-letter, and the owner thereof cannot read it. It is said to have been printed in 1811.

The question has arisen as to the time when the extension of a patent is granted. The law holds that the extension goes into effect when the certificate of extension is granted and the final fee paid thereon. The practice of the office, sanctioned by the Secretary of the Interior, is to the effect that the patent is extended when the Commissioner renders his decision. As oftentimes the fee is not paid and the certificate issued until months subsequent to this date of the Commissioner, the profession is not without interest in the world of patents.

A machine has recently been perfected in London with which a writer, using a pen in the usual manner, can at the same time produce a duplicate so small as to be invisible to the naked eye, yet so distinct that a microscope will reveal every line and dot. A useful application will be for the prevention of forgery, as private marks can be made which no imitator could see or even suspect the presence of.

A new club, the Knickerbocker, designed to be the most fashionable and exclusive in New York, has started, and has purchased B. Wm. Duncan's Fifth avenue mansion. The members are limited to three hundred, and the club will be composed of the Knickerbocker families. The initiation fee will be $1,000.

A shocking case of brutality has come to light at Adrian, Mich. It appears that a Mrs. Louise Lossing beat her niece Emma in a most horrible manner because she would not eat enough to please her aunt. The inhuman wretch, after cramming the little one with dry bread till she choked, put her into a bed room and beat her about the body for about an hour, and then took the sufferer again to the table and made her eat for about two hours. Mrs. Lossing was arrested, fined $100 and sent to jail for 90 days.

Some eighteen months since the Rev. Wm. Buell, pastor of the Baptist church at Grand Rapids, fell, apparently lifeless, to the floor of his room, and for three hours was supposed to be dead. He finally recovered consciousness, and in two months his hair changed from a glossy black to silver gray. His eyelashes and eyebrows also turned white. Strange to say the gray crop of hair fell out and has now been succeeded by a new one of the original raven color.

A man in Rockingham, Va., has in his possession a chicken, one of whose feet is shaped exactly like the human hand. There are fingers and nails all complete; the hand and foot being soft and fleshy, and altogether different from any chicken foot that has ever been seen before.

A comical incident occurred at the children's concert at the Boston Music Hall, Saturday afternoon. After Duke Alexis had left the hall a youth sauntered leisurely up and dropped into the seat just vacated by his Royal Highness. The audience cheered loudly—the youth rose and bowed his thanks to the audience in a very dignified manner, and then sat down. It was some little time before the mistake was discovered, and the merriment ensued.

The whipping post is not yet abolished in England. Two men convicted of garrott ng were recently sentenced to be whipped. Both received sixty lashes, and a reporter of the *London Telegraph*, who witnessed the lashing, expresses himself as quite disgusted with the performance, inasmuch as the unfortunate men did not bleed profusely. He remarks that the backs of the whipped, after the operation, were of a "beer color."

Marquette Iron District.

The Marquette *Journal* opens its annual review of mining operations in that district as follows: "The year has been one of almost unexampled prosperity. If the shipments were not largely in excess of last year, the fault cannot be traced to the mines, but to the dearth of vessels which prevailed throughout the season. Indeed, we notice at some of the mines stock piles containing several thousand tons each, which might have been sent forward, but for the reason already suggested, while some of the newer mines found it utterly impossible to obtain either cars or vessels for the shipment of half the ore they were able to raise. It is believed these difficulties will not exist another season, since we hear of numbers of new steam vessels to be built this winter, expressly for the ore trade."

PERSONAL.

Marchese Savotte, the new Mayor of Rome, is married to an American lady, the daughter of a Mr. Davis, of New York. As the wife of the chief municipal officer, the lady will have to preside at more than one state entertainment during the winter.

Alexander H. Stephens, who has for some time past occupied the position of political editor of the Atlanta *Sun*, has become part proprietor of that journal, by purchasing the interest of Mr. A. M. Speights.

Thirty members of the New Jersey Legislature left New York yesterday for the purpose of making a tour through the coal regions of our State.

Gen. Cluseret has, after all, gone to Mexico He remained in New York quite *incognito*, being the guest of a relative named Chalette. Gotham for once turned a sensation.

Porfirio Diaz, who was a candidate for the Mexican Presidency, has openly announced his withdrawal, as he alleges, to save his country from civil war. This is a new idea in Mexican politics.

Prince Adolphe, the new Spanish Prime Minister, is fifty years of age. He entered the field of politics in 1867, when he took a seat in the Provincial Diet of Bohemia. On the resignation, shortly after, of Count Hartig, he was made President of that body. In 1869 he was made a life peer; in 1870 he was made Governor of Salzburg, and his next advance was to the Premiership. He belongs to one of the oldest and most noble Bohemian families.

A few days before the departure of the Grand Duke, one of the fair daughters of Gotham who had become acquainted and flirted with His Highness at the Naval Ball, sent him a carrier dove with her card attached. Alexis was greatly amused at this suggestive compliment, and meeting the beautiful donor the next evening at the opera, he laughingly referred to the incident, declaring that her ingenuity had quite captivated him. "Ah, your Highness," responded the blushing maid, "if I thought you would say such sweet things to my face, I wouldn't have sent you the bird." Thereupon the Duke, turning to General McDowell, who overheard the conversation, exclaimed, "Ah, General, see what misery it is to be a Prince, who is forced to decline so fair a challenge."

The Empress of Brazil, now making a European tour with her husband, has added a laurel to her crown such as few monarchs can boast of. While at Naples, recently, the imperial party visited the famous Azzur Grotto. The sea being rough, the Empress remained outside in a small boat. Suddenly the boatswoman, by whose side she was sitting, lost his balance, fell overboard, and would in all probability have been drowned had not the Empress caught him as he sank, and by a great exertion, held him up, until the arrival of help. That is surely an exploit of which any Sovereign might be proud. Crowned heads in the world's history have usually been given to destroying life than saving it.

Laura Fair is said to bear her confinement in the San Francisco jail remarkably well. She is in the enjoyment of good health, her imprisonment having had no other effect upon her appearance except to give her a deadly pallor.

Mrs. Sarah Norton, who was but recently a zealous public advocate of women's rights has seen the error of her ways She pronounces female suffrage "a fraud."

General Benjamin Harrison, the prospective Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana, is the grandson of William Henry Harrison, and son of the former Chief Justice of Ohio.

Episcopalians will be glad to hear authoritatively as to the new hymnal adopted by the late General Convention, and which it was proposed to use in the churches on and after Epiphany Sunday, January 6. By its action the Psalms and hymns now in the prayer book and the new hymnal are alone authorized to be used in public service in the Protestant Episcopal Church, but the convention prohibited the latter being bound up with the prayer book, as it is proposed to test its merits during the three years intervening before the next convention, and then to revise it accordingly. The new hymnal has been copyrighted by the convention for the benefit of the fund for aged and infirm clergymen, and any one may publish it on purchasing the standard plates made for the convention, by guaranteeing a royalty on sale for the purpose mentioned.

The facts in regard to the proposed compromise with Comptroller Connolly are undeniable. Mr. Connolly's friends were prepared to pay $1,500,000; he was to give information which would complete the chain of evidence against the rest of the Ring, and escape to Havana; and he would unquestionably have slipped away but for the fact that Mr. Charles O'Conor, active in the true interests of the tax-payers, demanded that all the property which once was Connolly's, but which had been illegally transferred to others, be deeded in trust to him, pending action in the matter. And so Connolly was arrested and is now in jail.

The Reform Democrats in New York are growing weak-kneed. Mayor Hall is to be let up and indorsed "honest," and the fear of injuring "the party" is likely to work to the advantage of Tweed, Connolly and the rest of the Ring. Mr. Bennett, and even Mr. O'Conor, place the party before country, and there is a probability that the thing "will blow over," so far as not a few of the Reformers are concerned.

Shocks to the System.

The first shock of winter tells tremendously upon enfeebled systems. Every one knows that in passing from a warm region to a cold one, or *vice versa*, the body requires, as a protection against epidemics, an accurating medicine. All travelers and voyagers admit this. It is equally necessary to acclimate the system in passing the confines of one season and entering upon another. Autumn is gone and winter is here. Prepare the frame and the constitution to meet the change by a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This inestimable vegetable tonic increases the stamina of strength of those who take it, and renders them proof to a great extent against the devitalizing power of cold and damp. Those two agents as as prolific of disease as tropical heat and animal vigor —such vigor as this healthful and pure tonic diffuses through the whole organization—is a repellant they cannot master. A large proportion of the colds, catarrhs, and pulmonary complaints which prevail in winter, might be avoided, by strengthening and regulating the system in advance with this invigorant and alterative. Not that it is recommended as a specific for those complaints, but as a preventative of their causes. On the other hand, it is not only a preventative of, but a specific for the indigestion, intestinal irregularities, malarious fevers, bilious attacks, and nervous affection, superinduced by a chilly and damp atmosphere.

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Will be received by the undersigned, until TUESDAY, December 19th, 1871, for
Chandeliers, Gas Fixtures, Furniture and Carpets for the New City Hall.
The work to be done according to the plans and specifications to be seen at the office of J. W. KERR, Architect, No. 80 Fourth avenue.
The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
THOMAS STEEL,
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for the erection of a City Hall.
Pittsburgh, December 14, 1871.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The Partnership existing between J. M. GAZZAM, JOHN SHANON and WM. H. LOWE, under the firm name of
GAZZAM & CO.,
Was dissolved November 15th, 1871.

J. M. GAZZAM,
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,
PITTSBURGH.
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FINANCE AND TRADE

THURSDAY EVENING, December 14, 1871.

The local money market did not exhibit any new features in its general condition. At many of the banks the volume of discount business is much restricted on account of the scarcity of money. There is some hesitancy in discounting even a very small portion of the offerings of customer paper until after the next regular statement is out of the way. It will not be long until the banks are called upon for it. Doubtless the last Saturday will be the designated day. Rates in the open market are as steep as ever, but the supply of good paper that will submit to outside rates is becoming scarce.

—The six millions of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company 7 per cent. bonds, which were only a few months ago placed on the market, have all been sold, and the company have withdrawn the balance of the issue from the market. We remarked a short time ago that the price of these bonds would either advance or the sale of the bonds would be discontinued.

Government bonds are about the only class of security that advance in price, wherever the markets for other stocks become weak and panicky. The supply of bonds on the market is light, and banks have some difficulty in filling orders.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morn.	Noon.	Close.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	117½	117½	117¾
U. S. Bonds of 1862	110¾	110¾	110
U. S. Bonds of 1864	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1867	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1868	115¾	115¾	115¾
Now 5s	109¾	109¾	109¾
10-40s	109¾	109¾	109¾
Gold	109¾	109¾	109¾

The Wall street markets at the close today developed great weakness and the decline is heavy, more particularly in the non-dividend railway shares.

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Gold	109
United States 6s of 1881	117¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	110
United States 5-20s of 1864	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1865	111¾
United States 10-40s	109¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1865	111¾
United States 5-30s, January and July, 1867	115¾
United States 5-30s, January and July, 1868	115¾
Union Pacific Railroad	
Central Pacific Railroad	93
Currency Sixes	115

—The following table, made up from telegrams received at J. W. Kennedy's Stock Rooms, Apollo building, No. 80 Fourth avenue, shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day:

December 14, 1871.	10:30	11:15	12:30	1:25	2:30	4:00
	A. M.	A. M.	M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
C. & H.	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾
Do. Scrip	87½	87½	87½	87½	87½	87½
Erie	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾
Reading	114¼	114¾	114¼	114¼	114¼	114¼
Harlem						
Mich. Cent.						
Lake Shore	91½	91½	90	90	90	89½
Illinois Cent.			133¾			
Ohio & Miss.						
C. & N. W.	61¾	61¾	61	61	61	60¾
Do. pref.			83½	83½	83½	83½
Rock Island	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½
Pittsburg	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
Do. pref.	77¾	77¾	77¾	76¾	76¾	76
Fort W. & Chicago			68½	68½	68½	68½
Do. pref.			86½	86½	86½	86½
New York Cent.			96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
Ohio & Miss.	42¾	42¾	41¾	41¾	41¾	41
Cin. & Alton			101	101	101	
Do. pref.			101	101	101	
Union Pacific			93	93	93	
N. J. Central			99	99	99	
Canton			69	69	69	
W. U. Tel.			35¾	35¾	35¾	
Pacific Mail			49	48¾	50	49½
Adams Ex.			57	57	57	
Wells F. Ex.			57	57	57	
American Ex.			60	60	60	
U. S. Ex.			50	50	50	
Gold	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾

—Messrs. Bowen & Fox, brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the closing prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Pennsylvania Central	58
Philadelphia and Erie	25
Lehigh Navigation	57¾
Catawissa preferred	44¾
Oil Creek and Allegheny Railroad	69¾
Lehigh Valley Railroad	69¾
North Pennsylvania Railroad	59¾
Camden and Amboy Railroad	136
Schuylkill Navigation	16
Reading	114¾

—JAMES W. KENNEDY, Broker, No. 80 Fourth avenue, (Apollo Building), dealer in Government, State and Municipal Bonds; Railroad, Bank, Insurance and Miscellaneous Stocks, Petroleum, daily at the New York Stock Exchange, he buys and sells stocks on a margin for the same commission and on the same terms as the New York brokers. Money to loan in sums of $500 and upwards on collateral or well indorsed promissory notes, or on mortgages on city or Allegheny county real estate.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

Cattle.

The arrivals of cattle this week so far have been rather heavy, but consisted principally of through stock for the New York and Philadelphia markets. The offerings on sale are better than usual. This is generally the case about the holidays, when the best cattle are sent on the market. Some of the best show cattle that have been offered on any market were sold here this week, and at prices which last year were only paid for stock of much lower grade. Parties well posted say that the cattle sold here this week for $6 50 @ 7 00 would have brought from $10 to $10 50 @ 11 00 the one year ago. To-day the prices realized are considered good, in fact much better than expected. The reduction of freight coast has indicated an additional number of buyers to put in an appearance, and with a fair shipping demand the market rules moderately active at about last week's prices. The following are the rates current:

Extra	$8 50
Prime	7 50
Good	6 50
Fair	5 00
Medium	4 00
Inferior	2 75
Scalawags	2 50

Hogs.

The arrivals of hogs continue heavy. The demand has been fair and market steady, but with a rather large supply on hand hogs for sale is a little weaker, and should the arrivals continue heavy prices will go lower. The following are the rates current for the different grades:

Prime, assorted	$4 70
Good, mixed	4 55
Fair, mixed	4 25
Medium, mixed	4 05
Inferior, mixed	3 60
Scalawags, mixed	2 00

Sheep.

The arrivals of sheep rather heavy. The demand is fair and market moderately active. The offerings this week are unusually good, a great many extra or choice sheep being offered. Extra or paying fancy prices for these grades—from $7 00 to 7 50 per hundred pounds—but the sheep are of a kind rarely seen in market. The lower grades are selling at prices no better. The following are the ruling prices for the different grades, from which the reader can have an idea of the market:

Extra	$7 50
Prime	7 00
Good	6 00
Fair	4 50
Medium	3 00
Inferior	2 00
Scalawags	

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, December 14.—*Flour* quiet; nothing doing. *Wheat* nominally unchanged. *Corn* in fair demand. *Oats* quiet. Lake freights unchanged. *Barley* quiet. *Provisions* dull and unchanged. *Whisky* firm at 90c. *Seeds*—Timothy quiet at $2 30 @ 2 35. Clover dull at $5 10. Flaxseed dull at $2 30. *Coal* steady at $3 10.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, December 15, 1871.

REMARKS.—The market continues devoid of activity or animation, dealers being pretty wide apart in their views. The result is that we have nothing either new or important to communicate to our readers, sales of crude being made principally at the wells and other points in the oil regions, while refined is disposed of in the East by telegraph.

CRUDE.

The following are the asking rates for the various deliveries: Spot 10½@10¾c; December 10¾@10¾c; S. O. all year 10¾@10¾c; B. O. all year 11c; Parker's $2 85 for spot.

REFINED.

Buyers continue shy. The operations for some time past being light the asking rates were: Spot 22c; December 22½@; January 22¼@; February 22¾@. Sales 4,500 bbls in lots December 22¾@.

[By Western Union Line.]

TITUSVILLE, December 13.—The market yesterday was quiet and steady.

SALES:

2,000 bbls upper road, deliverable 16th $4 45
2,000 bbls s o December 4 35
2,000 bbls s o 4 40
4,000 bbls spot 4 35
2,000 bbls lower road, delivered 16th 4 45
3,000 bbls s o December 4 35
1,000 bbls s o December 4 30
1,000 bbls s o December 4 40
4,000 bbls spot 4 50

NEW YORK, December 14, closing 13.—Market very quiet and prices steady. Crude in bulk 13¾a 14c; refined 23¾@24c; in contracts and cargoes 24@24¼c; no important sales reported. Philadelphia delivery: Small demand for spot delivery; sales 6,000 bbls refined for December at 22¾c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14.—Market quiet and steady: S W 23¼c; crude 16¾@16¾c; December 22 @23¼c; January 1st to 15th 22½c; 15th to 30th 22½c; February 1st to 15th 22½c. Market weak; no buyers; ordinary on lower road held at $4 50; 47 gravity Oil City $4 50@4 75.

TITUSVILLE, December 14.—Market quiet; spot $4 50; S. O. all this year $4 40.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 14.—Market quiet at $4 50@4 75.

[By Pacific and Atlantic Line.]

ROUSEVILLE, December 14.—Market firm and quiet at $4 50.

PARKER'S LANDING, December 14.—Market quiet and dull at $3 75.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 14.—Market quiet at $4 45. No sales.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14.—December 22c asked; January 22c; February 22½c; January to June 24c; January to March 24c asked. Crude 11¾c.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Barrels.
Parker & Thompson	Sterling Oil Works	640
H. McKelvey	Star Oil Works	314
Waring & King	Vesta Oil Works	80
D Bir	D Bly & Co	80
S Duncan	Peerless Oil Works	548
B S Duncan	Standard Oil Works	80
Wm Stewart	Oleopolis Oil Works	80

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

	Bbls.		Bbls.
Sterling Oil Works	640	Star Oil Works	314
Vesta Oil Works	80	D Bly & Co	80
Peerless Oil Works	548	Standard Oil Works	80
Oleopolis Oil Works	80		
Total			1,822

Shipments of Refined Oil East via A. V. R. R., W. P. R. R. and P. R. R.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION, December 13, 1871.

Lockhart, Frew & Co, 750 bbls to Warden, Frew & Co, Philadelphia.

Standard Oil Co, 400 barrels to Warden, F & Co, Philadelphia.

National Oil Works, 253 bbls to Warden, F & Co, Philadelphia.

Forsythe Bros, 260 bbls to Warden, F & Co, Philadelphia.

J H McKee & Son, 310 bbls to Logan Bros & Co, Philadelphia.

Fulton, Marvin & Co, 267 bbls to Logan Bros & Co, Philadelphia.

Lyons & Co, 398 bbls to Logan Bros & Co, Philadelphia.

Wm McKelvy & Co, 214 bbls to Logan Bros & co, Philadelphia.

Wm McKelvy & Co, 267 bbls to Wm Blair & Son, Harrisburg.

Citizens Oil Company, 261 bbls to Tack, Bro. & Co, Philadelphia.

H W Tweddle, 52 bbls lubg to R H Buck, New York.

H W C Tweddle, 100 bbls to N Y C and W R R Co, New York.

Total 3,519

Oil Shipped East by P. R R. for Month of November, 1871.

Refined, bbls 1,603

Shipments of Refined Oil East by W. P. R. R.

Kirkpatrick & Jo, 195 bbls to Logan Bros & Co, Philadelphia.

Meintzer, H & Co 192 bbls to Logan Bros & Co, Philadelphia.

Elkins, Bly & Co, 50 bbls to F P Ainsworth, Philadelphia.

Total 395

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

The weather continues cold and the rivers locbound. The hopes that were indulged in yesterday of a "break up" have been dissipated, and the rule of the Winter King, it seems, will be absolute for an indefinite period. Such being the state of affairs, we are compelled to make mention of the fact that our markets are dull, though not more so than is usually the case at this season of the year. The closing of navigation is unfortunate in many respects, and in none more so than in its effects upon the poor in securing their supplies of coals. Light stocks will cause high prices, and those who can least afford it must suffer. There is little change to note in market values, hence we omit our usual quotations.

PITTSBURGH MARKET WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

REMARKS—This day one week ago, when we pencilled our "Weekly Review," the extremely cold weather generally was subject to change as the cause producing a dull market. The same cause yet prevails, producing like effects. Navigation remains closed from ice, and all the indications are that it will so continue for a time. This will have the effect of throwing the burden of freight destined for this city upon the railroads. And whether, with all their facilities of transportation, they will be fully able to meet the demand of the trade remains to be seen. That they will do all in their power we do not doubt, still it is to be feared that another "break up" will occur long the different lines of roads, causing freights to be sadly "behind time." But what "cannot be cured must be endured," and there is no use complaining. We have few changes to note in prices. All things considered, the market is fair, and our merchants and manufacturers do not seem disposed to grumble or find fault with the situation. Below we give the rulings of the market, remarking that these are the wholesale rates. See COMMERCIAL for retail business houses.

PITTSBURGH DRY GOODS MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

BROWN COTTONS.

Anchor A	12½	Idahs	12 c
Eagle	12½	Duquesne	11¾ c
Conewago	12 c	Magnolia	10¾ c
Merrimacks	11¾ c	Richmond	11¾ c
Sprague	11¾ c	Pacific	11¾ c
Americana	11¾ c	Bunting	11 c
Conestogo	11¾ c	Garner	11 c
Allen Pinks	12 c		

GINGHAMS.

Lancaster	15	Glasgow	13¾
Bates	15		

DELAINES.

Hamilton	20c	Manchester	20c
Pacific	20c		

TICKINGS.

Whitaker	40c	Conestoga Medal	22c
Portsmouth	32c	Pennsylvania	18c
Roanoke	28c		

LUMBER MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

UNPLANED LUMBER.

Clear, ₰ M	$60 00
First common	70 00
Second common	28 00
Third common	25 00
Sheeting	20 00
Hemlock joists and scantling	20 00

PLANED LUMBER.

First common, ₰ M	$60 00
Clear	70 00
Flooring boards	35 00
Partition boards	45 00
Shelving on both sides	35 00
Shelving on one side	30 00
Plow and drop weatherboarding	35 00
Moulded weatherboarding	37 50
Rabbited weatherboarding	35 00
Half-inch patent planed	25 00
Half-inch flooring unplaned	20 00
Twelve-inch vertical, with stripes	33 00
Oak and yellow pine flooring boards	45 00

SHINGLES AND LATH.

No. 1, 18-inch, sawed	$ 7 00
No. 2, 18-inch, sawed	5 00
No. 1, 16-inch, shaved	6 00
No. 1, 16-inch, sawed	6 00
Lath	2 00

WINES AND LIQUORS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

Following are the ruling rates for wines and liquors in this market:

	Per Cent.	Per gal.
Common rectified Whisky	88	$1 00
Proof rectified	103	1 10
Monongahela Rye, 1 year old	109	1 50
Monongahela Rye, 2 years old	109	2 00
Monongahela Rye, 3 years old	109	2 75
Monongahela Rye, 4 years old	109	3 25
Pure Rye, Littell & Mechling's "M"		
5 years old	100	5 00
Pure Rye, "Golden Wedding," 7 years old proof gallon		2 25
Domestic brandy, proof gallon		1 50
Imported brandy	6 00@9 00	
Domestic gin	1 50@1 75	
Holland Gin	2 90@5 50	
R. B. Brandy	1 50@1 75	
Cherry Brandy	1 50@1 75	
Port Wine	1 50@1 75	
Port Wine, "Crown"	2 00@2 50	
Sherry Wine, "Valiette"	1 25@1 75	
Sherry Wine, "Crown"	2 25@2 75	
Sherry Wine, "Harmony"	50@6 00	
Wine, "New England"	1 75@2 00	
Rum, "Jamaica"	5 00@5 50	
	Quarts.	Pints.
Champagne, "Chas. Heidsieck"	$27 00	$29 00
Champagne, "Imperial"	16 00	18 00
Champagne, "Gold Seal"	15 00	20 00

PITTSBURGH GLASS MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

The following are the card prices of window glass, adopted by the manufacturers of Pittsburgh:

PER BOX OF FIFTY FEET.

SINGLE STRENGTH.

	24 Quality.	1st Quality.	Double Strength.
6 by 8 to 8 by 10	$5 00	$5 75	$8 00
8 by 11 to 10 by 15	5 50	6 25	8 50
10 by 12 to 10 by 15	5 75	6 50	10 00
11 by 14 to 12 by 18		7 00	12 00
14 by 16 to 16 by 20		7 50	14 00
14 by 22 to 16 by 24		7 75	14 50
18 by 22 to 18 by 30		8 25	15 00
20 by 28 to 24 by 30		8 50	16 00
26 by 28 to 24 by 36		9 25	18 00
26 by 34 to 26 by 40		10 00	19 00
28 by 38 to 28 by 44		12 00	20 00
30 by 40 to 30 by 48		14 00	22 00
36 by 50 to 32 by 52			24 00
32 by 54 to 34 by 56			26 00
34 by 58 to 34 by 60			28 00
36 by 60 to 40 by 60			30 00

☞NO CHANGE IN DISCOUNT.

All orders received after this date, will be charged at these prices. Orders taken by agents are subject to approval of manufacturers when received.

TOBACCO MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 14, 1871.

We herewith annex the ruling jobbers' prices manufacturers, of course, giving a discount for large lots.

Spun Roll	70@	Diamond Twist	90@1 00
Founders	68@	Rough & Ready	90@1 10
Twist	65@	Scotch Snuff	70@ 73
Navy	62@	Cupcake's Snuff	80@ 85
Louisville Navy	70@	Cut and Dry	28@ 33
Richmond do	60@	Wheelig Stogies	10@ 11

WOOL MARKET.

NEW YORK.

December 12.—There continues an active demand for all grades of domestic fleece, but the advanced rates have had a tendency to check transactions. Holders, however, remain very firm, and but prices are obtained equal to any previously paid; the market has been less active than last week, but closes with considerable attention, and prices still have an upward tendency. There have been considerable sales of Australian recently at 51@55c for New Zealand, but it is understood that the invoices now on the way can hardly be laid down here at those figures and safely dealt in by dealers. The sales are 45,000 lbs X and XX Ohio fleece at 62@65c; 6,000 lbs mixed do, 64@65c; 6,000 lbs super pulled at 62c; 5,000 lbs extra do at 62½@63c; 10,000 lbs western texas, 58@59c; 8,000 lbs spring combing, 42@43c; 100 bales fine East India, 50@55c; 40,000 lbs Montevideo, 40@42c; 16,000 lbs Entre Montes washed, 42½@43c; 80,000 lbs unwashed fleeces, 25,000 lbs Texas, 50,000 lbs Deloine, 10,000 lbs super pulled, 40,000 lbs Georgia, 6,000 lbs pulled California, 160,000 lbs Cape, 200 bales Donskoi, 75,000 lbs Rio Grande and 7,000 ₰ Montevideo lambs on private terms.—*Shipping List.*

IRON MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS.

December 12.—Hot blast per ton, $37@38; surf ore malleable pig, $55; c. b. car wheel $47 50; bank and surf ore, $5 50; common bar ₰ lb, 3½@; horseshoe, 6@6½; common sheet, 5@5½; charcoal sheet, 7@8; Nails—60@70 6d, ₰ keg, 2 20@2 75; 8d and 9d, $2 75; 10d, $2 60; 12d, 60@5 25; 40 and 50d, $5 25; 60d, $5 50; 20, 30 and 40d, $6 00@6 25.

PITTSBURGH.

December 12.—The demand for Scotch pig continues light, but with a small stock and advancing foreign markets, prices are supported. We note a sale of 200 tons on private terms. Bessemer pig iron stock is held at $34, Eglinton $33 50@34, and Summerlee at $35@36. American remains without animation, and prices are not very strong. We quote nominally No I $30@37, and No 2 $34@35. There has been very little inquiry for either new or old rails, but the tone is firm. We quote English $57@59 gold, and American $50@51 currency at the works in Pennsylvania. Blooms continue very firm, but the offerings are further change in prices. Russia sheet is quiet, and black sheets are scarce and firm.—*Saturday List.*

COAL MARKETS.

LOUISVILLE.

December 12.—The supply is said to be short, and some of the dealers to-day advanced Pittsburgh to 28c; others are selling and will continue to sell while their supply lasts, at 24@; the stock of Pomeroy is about sold up, and quotations are discontinued. Kentucky coal is unchanged, the supply is said to be fortunately behind the demand. The quotations to-day are as follows—delivered; Pittsburgh, 21c; Render, (Ky.), 18c.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 109¾@109¾.

NEW YORK, December 14—P. M.

GOLD.

Gold dull at 109¾@109¾. Loans were from 5@7 ₰ cent. for carrying. Clearings $28,093,000. The sale on government gold amounted to $4,858,000, from 108 28 to 109 50; awards $1,000,000 at from 109 28⅝ to 109¾.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange 109.

MONEY.

The money market was easy during the morning at 6@7 ₰ cent. on call, but became active in the afternoon and closed at 7, gold interest.

GOVERNMENTS.

Governments strong but not active.

Coupons 1881	117¾	5-20s, 1867	115¾
5-20s, 1862	110¼	5-20s, 1868	115¾
5-20s, 1864	110¾	10-40s	109¾
5-20s, 1865	111¾	Currency 6s	113¾
5-20s, 1865, new	114¾		

STATE BONDS.

Southern State bonds dull.

Missouris	91	Virginias, old	60½
Tennessees, old	68¾	North Carolinas, old	34
Tennessees, new	65	North Carolinas, new	12
Virginias, new	67		

STOCKS.

There has been an uneasy feeling in the stock market in consequence of many rumors afloat in regard to the condition of certain banks. At times there was a pressure to sell, during which a few stocks declined ½@1 per cent., and the decline in the balance of the list ranged from ¼ to 1¾ ₰ cent. Business was heavy on Pacific Mail, Western Union and the Grangers, the former when the "bear clique" had been successful in forcing some past, to-day sold from no sales to 40,000 shares. Erie, Lake Shore, Wabash, Rock Island and Pittsburg were also heavy, but this heavy load that clogged the market.

Western Union	66¾	New Jersey Central	113½
Quicksilver	39¾	Erie	22¾
Adams Express	56½	do pref	42¾
Fargo's	57	Toledo & Wabash	34
American Express	57	do pref	64
U. S. Express	60½	Fort Wayne	96¾
Wells, Fargo & Co	57	Michigan Central	96¾
New York Central	97½	do pref	49
N. Y. Central Scrip	96¾	Illinois Central	133¾
Erie	22¾	do preferred	119
Erie preferred	44	Ohio & Mississippi	40¾
Hudson	120¾	do pref	85
do pref	128	Burlington & Quincy	124
Reading	113¾	Chicago & Rock Island	103
Mich Central	118	Panama	140
Cleveland & Pitts	96¾	Cleveland & Toledo	113
Northwestern com'n	66½	Union Pacific	26½
do pref	85	C. P. Bonds	93
Stock Board	109¾	Gold	109¾

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 14, 1871.

FLOUR—Quiet and weak.

WHEAT—Steady, but quiet and active; No 1 spring $1 25; No 2 $1 19½; No 3 $1 10@1 11; seller last half $1 19½; January $1 21½; February $1 23¼@1 23½.

CORN—Quiet and weak; No 2 mixed 41@41½c; regular 42c; January 41½c; February 42¾@43c; April 44½c; May 47¾@48c.

OATS—In fair demand but lower; No. 2 31c; rejected 29c; January 31½c; February 32¾@33c.

RYE—Quiet and unchanged; No 2 64@65c.

BARLEY—Quiet and unchanged; No 2 spring 80c; No 3 do; rejected sinaller; seller January 65@65½c.

PORK—Opened weak but closed firmer; mess $13 30@13 40; seller December $13 30@13 40; January $13 30@13 40; February $13 50@13 70; seller March $13 90@14 00; seller April $14 10@14 20.

LARD—Steady at 8½c, cash and December; seller January 8½@8¾c; seller February 8¾@8¾c; seller March 9@9¼c.

GREEN MEATS—Quiet and weak at previous quotations.

BEEF PRODUCTS—Steady and firm at former prices.

HOGS—Quiet and weak; receipts and previous quotations dressed firm and higher at $4 90@5 00.

WHISKY—Quiet and weak; sales reported at 90c, with one offered at the close.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Cotton opened strong and closed unchanged; middling uplands 20½c; low mid. fair 20c; middling Orleans 20½c. Flour in state $5 85@6 25; common to good $6 40@6 85; good to choice $6 90@7 40; white wheat extra $7 50@8 25; extra ohio $6 35@7 30. Rye flour and corn meal unchanged. Whisky dull and declined to 90@90c. Wheat dull and holders asking 2c to sell; spring No 2 $1 23¼@1 23½; whiter red western $1 26@1 60; amber $1 62@1 66; white $1 66@1 71. Rye dull and nominal. Barley declined; western 80@86c; malt quiet. Corn active but unchanged; old western mixed in store and afloat 56@57c; new 53@54c. Oats dull and heavy; western and Ohio 65@66½c. Hay firm; shipping at $1 05@1 10; prime $1 25@1 30. Hops dull and unchanged. Eggs firm at 25@27c. Coffee firm; Rio 19¾@20c. Sugar quiet and firm; fair to good refining Cuba 8¾@9¼c. Molasses—demand fair and market firm; New Orleans 64@65c. Rice quiet at 9@9½c. Tallow dull and declined; prime 9¼@9⅜c. Petroleum dull and nominal; crude 12c; refined 23c. Turpentine firm at 62½@66c. Pork favors buyers; mess $13 75@13 87½; prime $11 50@11 75; prime mess $13 50@13 75; new prime $10 50@12; new prime mess $11@11 25. Beef steady; prime $8@8 50; mess $13@14; extra mess $15@16. Beef hams steady at $24@25; fierce nominal; India $32@36. Cut meats dull; shoulders active at 6c; hams 9¾@10c; middles quiet; long clear 7¾@7¾c; short do 7¾@7¾c; short ribs 7¾@7¾c. Dressed hogs dull at $5 75@6 00. Lard heavy; No 2 9¾@9¾c; steam 9¾c; prime kettle rendered 9¾@; December and January 9¾c; March 10¼@10¾c. Butter and cheese dull and unchanged.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Receipts of beeves are coming forward somewhat freely, and sell at 13@14c. Arrivals of cattle to-day 1,800. They are not active; ing; the weather is good, but the market bark prices declining nearly half a cent from Monday. The dull feeling of the market is attributed to the fact that the local markets of all kinds are glutted and very little trade, poultry being abundant and very cheap. Six cars extra Kentucky grazers sold at 12½ and 13¾c; a few selected 12 cwt 14c; nine cars Texas steers 10@10½c; 20 do 9@9 50 lbs cwt; some 5¾ cwl Cherokees 5¾c; 4 cars 6¼c; 10 Indiana 9¾c, 56 lbs ₰ cwt; 3 cars; cwl Illinois 8¾c. Many droves are expected to-morrow.

Sheep—Receipts 4,500 and good market; thin lots sell at 5½c; a car 100 lbs 5¾c; a car 99 lbs 6c; a car 105 lbs 7c; a car 130 lbs 8c; a car 150 lbs Canadas at 8½c; some very fine holiday stock is arriving.

Hogs—Receipts 11,000, and market steady at 4¾@5c for inferior to prime; sales extremes for corn fed 5¼ and 5½@5¾c for western dressed; 4 cars live Ohio, 266 lbs, sold at 5c.

Buffalo Cattle Market.

BUFFALO, December 14.—Receipts of cattle 660, making the supply 5,825, being 5 cars less than 11 cars last week. The market rules dull and flat; late arrivals were offered at 25c less than first sales. Texan steers 1,210 lbs, at $4 50; 74 Missouri 990 to 1,220 lbs, at $4 50@5 00; 20 steers 1,250 to 1,274 lbs, at $5 25@5 37; 50 Illinois 1,425 lbs at $5 62½. Sheep—receipts 2,800, mostly western, which class is dull and dragging; Canada spotters and good to prime sell 291 Ohio sheep at 6 to 38 at $4 70@5 10; 184 Indiana sheep, 92 lbs, at $4 90; 1 W T sheep, 90 lbs, at $5 00; 6 62½; 207 Christmas sheep 132 lbs at $5 00; 184 Canada lambs 82 lbs at $6 12½@6 25; 31 Hogs—receipts 4,200; market rules fairly active at a decline of 10a15c; sales 5,000 head at $4 40@4 50 for medium to good, $4 60 for selected.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—*Groceries*—demand good at full prices; low middling 19c. *Flour* steady at $5 60@6 75. *Grain* unchanged. *Coffee*—demand good at full prices. *Sugars* quiet and weak at 8c. *Butter* steady at 30@35c. *Cheese* firm at 14@15c. *Pork* firm; sales at $14 in cash. *Lard* firm at 9@9½c. Bulk meats drooping; sales of shoulders at 5½c, seller February; sides 6¼ at 6¾@6¾c, cash; no sales. *Bacon* scarce, firm and wanted at 7¾@7¾c; shoulders and sides clear firm; no sides clear. *Hams* 11@11½c. *Lard* and drooping at $1 25@1 40. *Green meats* drooping at 4¾@5c; shoulders and rough sides 5@5½c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 14.—*Dry goods*—Market quiet, prices generally steady and firm for all staples. The Atlantic cotton mills have advanced the price of their heavy brown sheetings half a cent. *Wool*: Atlantic A 13½c, and Pacific extra 13c, but jobbers are still selling the goods at the old prices. They will probably put up their prices to-morrow. Augusta sheetings have been advanced from 11½ to 12c, and 7 yards of the same brand from 10 to 10¾c; Nashua are advanced from 12¾ to 13c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14.—*Flour* firm; superfine $5 25@5 75; extra $6 00@6 50. *Wheat* steady; Pennsylvania and western red $1 56@1 56. *Corn* dull; quotations barely maintained; yellow, old, 62c; new 60@61c; mixed western, old, 58c; new and old 74@75c. Oats delivered 51@53c. *Wool* active and higher; sales 100,000 lbs common and fine Ohio XX and delaine at 50c; fine delaine 52@53c; western unwashed 29@43c. *Provisions* firmer but no higher. *Whisky* $1 06.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, December 14.—*Flour* unchanged. *Wheat* steady; No 1 $1 25; No 2 $1 20. Oats dull; No 2 32c. *Corn* in fair demand but at lower rates; No 2 at 47½c. *Barley* dropping; No 1 64c. *Pork* firm; No 2 tall 63¾c. *Hogs*—demand fair and best firmly; live $4 10@4 30; dressed $4 35@4 50. Mess pork $13 00.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 14.—*Tobacco*—Sales 85

THE VERY LATEST.

WASHINGTON.

Mr. Williams Confirmed as Attorney General.

Modification of the Steamboat Laws.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14, 1871.

The New Attorney General.

Mr. Williams was confirmed Attorney General without reference, and the Senate adjourned till Monday. The Senate also agreed to meet in caucus again to-morrow. There is a very general feeling outside the Senate among the friends of the President that Conkling and his assistants have blundered badly in their course.

The Appropriation for Chicago Cut Down.

The Committee on Appropriations have considered Farwell's bill for the purchase of grounds and erection of public buildings in Chicago, and agree to report it favorably, but cutting down the sum named in the original bill from five million to four.

The Steamboaters Have a Hearing.

A delegation of steamboatmen, representing the ocean, lake and river interests, were before the House Committee on Commerce to-day, and presented their objections to the last steamboat law and the rules and regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors. There is great unanimity among steamboatmen from all sections in the opinion that the law and rules are oppressive and unjust, and that in many respects the true interests of navigation have been sacrificed for the benefit of the owners of patent rights. The temper of the committee is entirely favorable to the steamboat men in their efforts to frame a just and practicable law.

Payment of Census Officers.

The Census office has, under the new appropriation, begun the payment of the Marshals and their assistants, which has been delayed by lack of funds.

A Commercial Traveler Released from Jail.

A case under the late decision of the Supreme Court, that the State laws taxing commercial travelers was unconstitutional, came up in the Supreme Court of the District to-day. A non-resident trader, who, a short time since, was committed to jail in default of the payment of a fine of $250, was brought out on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and upon the reading of the decision of the Supreme Court, Judge Carter discharged the prisoner.

One-legged Pension Agents.

Colonel Charles E. Brown, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was to-day appointed pension agent at Cincinnati, *vice* Wm. E. Davis, removed. There are no charges whatever against Mr. Davis. Twelve of the fourteen Republican members of the House from that State, including Mr. Stevenson, signed the request for Brown's appointment. Mr. Perry did not sign, but made a verbal request for the change. All the pension agents in Ohio are now one-legged soldiers.

WASHINGTON, December 14.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT GRANT AND MR. AKERMAN.

Following is the correspondence between Mr. Akerman and President Grant:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, }
WASHINGTON, December, 13, 1871. }

To the President—SIR: I hereby resign the office of Attorney General of the United States, this resignation to take effect, in accordance with the wish which you verbally expressed to-day, on the tenth day of January next. [Signed] A. T. AKERMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, }
WASHINGTON, December 13, 1871. }

To the President—DEAR SIR: Intending the accompanying resignation of the office of Attorney General, permit me to express my grateful sense of the kindness which I have uniformly received from you during my service in office, and my wishes for the continued success of your administration.

[Signed] A. T. AKERMAN.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13, 1871. }

Hon. A. T. Akerman, Attorney General:

DEAR SIR: In accepting your resignation as Attorney General, to take effect on the 10th of January, permit me to renew the assurances of my high regards for you personally, and my appreciation of the zeal and application which you have given to the office which you have so honorably filled. I can refer with pride to the uniform harmony which has constantly existed, not only between us, but also between yourself and colleagues in the Cabinet, all of whom, I know, unite with me in hearty wishes for your future prosperity, health and happiness. Your personal note accompanying your letter of resignation is gratefully received as a token of the reciprocity of the kind sentiment which I shall ever cherish for you. Very respectfully,

[Signed] U. S. GRANT.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

An Unfavorable Turn in the Prince's Disorder.

LONDON, December 15.—The physicians in attendance on the Prince of Wales at Sandringham issued a bulletin at 1 A. M., stating that his Royal Highness has been very unquiet since ten o'clock last night.

The Prince Getting Better Rapidly.

LONDON, December 15, 5 A. M.—Later dispatches from Sandringham say the Prince of Wales is decidedly better, and takes his food well. His strength is greater, and there are strong hopes of continued progress toward recovery. The Queen and Princess Louise yesterday visited the groom of the Prince, who is recovering.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

PARIS, December 14.—In the National Assembly to-day, Gen. Cissey, Minister of War, made a statement in explanation of the delays of the Commission which was some time since appointed to inquire into the capitulation of French fortifications and armies during the late war. The Minister said the Commission had examined into the facts connected with the surrender of six fortresses of a secondary character, the Communists of which had been sentenced to undergo punishment according to varying regulations. On Saturday the Commission will commence an investigation into the capitulation of the fortress and army of Sedan, and subsequently will turn their attention to Metz.

The Italian Embassy in London telegraphs King Victor Emmanuel upon the issue of every bulletin. Crowds gather in front of the Mansion House and Marlborough House, and cheer loudly when bulletins of a favorable character are posted. The later reports from the Prince have greatly relieved the public mind.

The *Times* this morning contradicts the report that the United States government intends recalling Mr. Schenck, Minister to England.

Nearly all the telegraph operators who recently struck have resumed work.

The Government intends suppressing all out door demonstrations at Londonderry, and troops have been dispatched to that place to suppress all disorders which may arise.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

ST. LOUIS AND TOLEDO AIR LINE.

ST. LOUIS, December 14.—The Illinois division of St. Louis and Toledo Air Line Railroad was put under contract to-day to Col. Thos. S. Sprague, of Detroit, and Welles, Phelps & Co., of New York. This road will run through Shelbyville, Illinois, to Crawfordsville, Indiana, thence to Toledo, and will be seventy-two miles shorter than any line now in operation. It will traverse a rich fertile section of country and be completed in two years. Gentlemen from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois connected with the road are here and will be presented to the merchants on 'Change to-morrow, when they will explain the advantages of this route and solicit aid for the construction of the road.

LEAVENWORTH AND DENVER NARROW-GAUGE.

LEAVENWORTH, Ks., December 14.—The first cars for the Leavenworth and Denver Narrow-gauge Railroad were received here to-day. The new depot of the Leavenworth and Pawnee Railroad was opened to-day. It is the finest railroad building west of St. Louis.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14, 1871, 7:00 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

The falling barometer and rain will probably advance on Friday northward along the Atlantic coast, northwestly winds back to northeast in New York and New England, and barometer fall with increasing southerly winds from the upper lakes westward. Rising barometer with cool northerly winds extending from Alabama westward; falling barometer and cloudy weather on Gulf coast. Dangerous winds are not anticipated on our coasts this evening.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—The Kentucky Legislature passed to second reading the Cincinnati Southern Railroad bill by a vote of sixty-two to thirty. The ninth of January has been fixed for discussion.

Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, December 14.—The bill to repeal the law in Wyoming giving women right of suffrage having passed, the Governor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding, in the House, was lost in the Council for want of a two-third vote.

A private letter from Havana says it is believed there that the late Governor Roberts, brother of the Spanish Minister at Washington, caused the arrest of the students for the purpose of extorting money from their parents, and unexpectedly found himself unable to control the Spanish mob.

Alexis and suite arrived in Montreal yesterday, and were received by the Mayor, Councils and a deputation of citizens.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—River five feet and great stationary. Departed—Keystone State, Memphis. All long boats but one have been withdrawn from the packet trade, leaving the regular packet places, on account of low water. Clear and colder.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 14.—The river is still falling, with three feet ten inches in the canal and twenty-two inches in the chute; scant four feet to Evansville. Clear and cold. Arrived—Lacrosse, Charmer, Cincinnati; Robert Burns, Memphis. Departed—Charmer, Evansville; Lacrosse, Memphis; Robert Burns, Cincinnati. The Amelia will commence loading to-morrow for the Tennessee river.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 14.—Cloudy and cold. River stationary. Departed—Anders, Alaska, New Arkansas; Richards, Cairo; R. C. Gray, Arkansas river. The Alaska is aground at Reeves's bar. The Belle Lee ran through barrel below Helena, and is coming up on one wheel.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

A dispatch from Springfield, Illinois, says the report that Gov. Palmer was in Washington endeavoring to secure the removal of Government troops from Chicago, is authoritatively denied at the Executive office. The Governor has not now and has never had any representative or agent at Washington empowered to represent his views or to make any request of the administration. The Governor is of opinion that his duty in the matter of the military occupation was ended when he had laid the facts in the case before the General Assembly, the proper guardian of the people's rights.

The twine walk of Walton & Bro., at Brookville, Indiana, was entirely destroyed by fire last evening. Loss about $1,500; insured in the Ætna, of Hartford, for $500.

A collision occurred between two engines on the Lake Shore Railroad early yesterday morning, between the Union depot and the repair shops, in Cleveland. Charles Smith and Charles Akerman, brakemen, were killed.

John Buesner, the fourth man charged with the murder of Dr. Robinson, was arrested at Salt Lake yesterday. All the accused were brought before Judge McKean in the afternoon for examination. The testimony was startling. One witness testified to having seen the deed committed, and positively identified John L. Lythe and James Toms as two of the murderers. The victim was struck with a short sword, and in falling was struck with the left eye. The witness described the whole affair as he saw it from the shadow of the fence, the night being bright moonlight. The court room was densely crowded, and upon the identification of Lythe and Toms there was much excitement. At a late hour the further hearing was held over until to-day.

The steamboatmen from the Pacific coast of Mexico on the whole are favorable to the Juarez Government.

The debate in the Legislature of Ontario on the address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech, has lasted two days. The amendment of Blake, leader of the opposition, condemning the Government having control of surplus funds which are to be applied to assist railroads, was carried by a vote of forty to thirty-three. McKenzie has moved a resolution of want of confidence in the Government, to be added to Blake's amendment. The following is the resolution proposed by McKenzie: "That we inform your Excellency we have no confidence in the ministry that is attempting to carry out, in reference to the control of said fund of $1,500,000, usurpation, fraught with danger to public liberty and constitutional government." There is great excitement. The vote on McKenzie's resolution will be very close.

CITY MATTERS.

List of Letters Held for Postage at the Pittsburgh Postoffice, December 14, 1871.

Amt. due.

Butler, H. L., Philadelphia, Pa.....2c
Cleary & Co., Wm. C., New York.....3c
Davis, J., Pittsburgh.....2c
Hembry, John, Rochester, N. Y.....2c
Van Schaick, Stevenson & Reed, Chicago, Ill.....3c
Niles Works, Cincinnati, O.....4c

GEORGE H. STEWART, Postmaster.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Observations Made by the Storm Signal Service of the United States Army.

THURSDAY, December 14, 11:23 P. M.

PLACE OF OBSERVATION.	Height of Barometer.	Change in 24 hrs.	Thermometer.	Change in 24 hrs.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Character of Weather.	Amt. of Precipitation.	Weather.
Buffalo, N. Y.	30.11	.06	36	3	W	12	7	.02	3
Cairo	30.31		55	9	S. W.	3	3	.04	6
Chicago, Ill.	30.24	.06	39	5	W.	12	7	.00	1
Cincinnati, O.	30.31		38	6	S. W.	4	3		A
Cleveland, O.	30.21		37	3	W.	3	3	.02	A
Davenport, Iowa.	30.28	.06	39	7	S. W.	4	3		A
Detroit, Mich.	30.17	.06	37	3	W.	5	3	.00	A
Louisville, Ky.	30.32	.02	38	7	S. E.	3	3	.04	A
Milwaukee, Wis.	30.23	.07	36	5	W.	12	7	.00	A
Nashville, Tenn.	30.23	.04	47	11	N.	3	3	.04	A
New Orleans, La.	30.11	.02	62	1	N.	3	3	.00	A
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.27	.05	38	5	S. W.	4	3	.04	A
Portland, Me.	30.30	.06	30	4	W.	4	3	.00	A
St. Paul, Minn.	29.99	.30	23	16	S. W.	7	3	.00	A
Vicksburg	30.23	.07	51	3	N. W.	5	3	.12	A

Character of the winds to save space is indicated by the letters of the alphabet, as follows: A, calm; B, gentle; C, fresh or brisk; D, very brisk; E, high wind; F, very high wind; G, strong gale; H, violent gale; I, hurricane; J, most violent hurricane.

State of the weather, in the same way, is indicated by numerals, as follows: 1, clear; 2, fair; 3, cloudy; 4, light rain; 5, heavy rain; 6, snow.

Reports received over the wires of the Western Union, Pacific, Southern and International Ocean Telegraph Companies.

THE GREAT OIL SUITS.

Answer of Messrs. Warden, Frew & Co. to the Bill of Dr. Hostetter.

Some weeks ago, it will be recollected, Mr. David Hostetter filed a bill in equity, in the Court of Common Pleas, setting forth that he had advanced large sums of money for the purchase of oil for and on account of Warden, Frew & Co. in the fall of 1869; that he had been unable to get a settlement of the account, and praying for such relief as the case required. Yesterday the defendants, Messrs. Warden, Frew & Co., through their counsel, Messrs. Reed, Woods, J., H. Hampton and George Shiras, Jr., filed an answer, or plea, to the complaint of the plaintiff, in which they state that the dealings and transactions therein alleged to have taken place between the said plaintiff and those defendants did not take place between the said plaintiff, on the one part, and these defendants on the other part, but were part and parcel of the partnership business of "The Pittsburgh Petroleum Oil Company," composed of William Frew and Charles Lockhart, two of the defendants, of David Hostetter, the plaintiff, and others; that the partnership affairs of "The Pittsburgh Petroleum Oil Company" are still unsettled, and that it is impossible to make a just and proper settlement of the matters and transactions alleged in the said bill, except as part and parcel of the transactions between "The Pittsburgh Petroleum Oil Company" and the firm of Warden, Frew & Co., these defendants. These facts are recited in bar to the said bill, and the Court is asked to say whether they should be compelled to make any further answer.

These suits have grown out of what is known as the "great oil ring" of 1869.

LECTURE LAST NIGHT.

Daniel Dougherty, Esq., on "The Stage."

Last evening Daniel Dougherty, Esq., the Philadelphia lawyer, lectured at Library Hall on "The Stage." Such a favorable impression did Mr. Dougherty make last season in our city, when his subject was "Oratory," that none were surprised last evening when at eight o'clock every seat was occupied, as well as the private boxes, by a highly intelligent and respectable audience.

Mr. Dougherty, at the hour mentioned, was introduced by Hon. J. M. Kirkpatrick in a few fitting remarks. The lecturer first referred to the subjects chosen by lecturers. He thought the largest number did not assemble at the lecture room to be instructed in science or art, but for the purpose of whiling an hour away in pleasant amusement. The favorite lectures were those whose topics led to pleasure. Next, it was to be considered the talent of the lecturer. He had chosen as his subject "The Stage." Common history, through Adam's fall to trouble from the cradle to the grave, yet it is not decreed that we must not have enjoyment. On earth, air and sky are full of pictures painted by God's own hand.

Hours of enjoyment are fondly looked forward to, and when over are the most seldom forgotten. The most genial enjoyments are those living or dying within the private circle, yet there are other fields open to all. It is proper that amusement be furnished for the masses, and the proper place for it is the theater. By the theater he did not mean the Italian opera, nor did he mean the melo-drama or the lacivious ballet. He spoke of the stage that had inspired the pens of the most gifted authors, whose sentiments had been given by ambitious, talented and learned actors, who, with their touches of nature, "made the whole world kin." Amusements should be the handmaid to religion.

Mr. Dougherty then sketched the history of the stage from the Greek and Roman times, when an audience of twenty thousand gathered, and with hearty shouts greeted the author and the actor down to the present day. The stage as now conducted was imperfect, yet he did not blame it on the managers or the actors, but the public. Actors' lives next came in for the speaker's attention. He thought their profession the highest of all—excepting, of course, the clergy, who were called by God. Theirs in was the noblest development of humanity. The profession had been pretty roughly handled on all sides. It was accused of possessing all the vices that exist in the calendar of crime. This Mr. Dougherty flatly denied. He was proud of the acquaintance of many of the noble and gentlemen connected with the profession. More temptations were extended to the actor than to those of any other profession, and the more talented and renowned the artiste, the more is he sought for by the people and the nobility of the city who delight to shake him by the hand and ask him to drink. Yet if there are some drunkards in the profession, must we give up theatrical amusements and entertainments? Because, said the Spartan, some persons get drunk, must I cut down my vines? The worthy deeds of actors of the stage were without number. It is as just to condemn all actors as to condemn one. They were an industrious, honorable class of people. The actor's is the highest of the imitative arts—higher than the sculptor's or the painter's; these appeal to the vision, but the actor to the mind. There is no profession or calling which demands so much self-study, so much self-sacrifice. The actor is deprived of the pleasures of the social circle at the hour they are most delighted in. He is separated from the comforts of his family—aye, though death—the actor must be at his post in the theater. He is a slave to the public; the weather must not affect him, and though sufferings perhaps with pain himself, he must so forget it as to smile and please, and make others laugh with his talent.

Dramatic authors next claimed the attention of the speaker who referred in glowing terms to the eminent divines of England who had contributed to the stage some of the finest tragedies and comedies. Shakespeare received a glowing tribute, at the conclusion of which the orator favored his audience with Cardinal Woolsey's advice to Cromwell (Henry VIII.), just before his fall, which was received with applause.

The terror that precedes guilt when unholy ambition leads man to crime is portrayed in Macbeth, when on returning from victorious battle-fields he is tempted by the greeting of a wife to commit a coward's crime. Mr. Dougherty here really acted "the dagger scene" in a masterly manner.

Mr. Dougherty proceeded some very excellent imitations of the great actors of the past and present age, with a little story. When a boy of sixteen he was a splendid fellow to get a situation, but some how or other he could not keep one long. At the end of the fourth or fifth day his employer would generally tell him that "the didn't suit." He did not like a situation "where he had to fool his time away working." Eventually he found just such a place. He was in search of a situation the time was informed where the balance of the plunder had been secreted when Clark recovered. The time he called on the store, and as he had seen the elder Booth in "Richard III" on the previous evening, he thought he would try and rehearse the last act himself. He succeeded very well until the combat, and he was shouting of course both as the the time is come." Just at that moment the door was kicked open by a policeman, who, with a crowd of men, rushed into the store and searched in vain for the murdered man. To all explanations that the speaker came very near being arrested. The news of a desperate murder being committed had been carried to the police by an individual in the adjoining room.

Imitations of the peculiar styles of acting of some of the great actors followed. Edmund Kean, "who studied terribly in earnest," George Frederick Cooke and Kemble were referred to eloquently. Then came Macready, "William Tell," the elder Booth as "Richard III," Forrest as "Jack Cade," and last, Fechter as "Claude Melnotte." The latter imitation was received with shouts of laughter. However great an artist Mr. Fechter might be in the French language, he failed to appreciate him in the English. Just as really could the speaker be pleased with an Irishman as "Metamora" as with Mr. Fechter's broken French in anything else. Charlotte Cushman's "Young Norval" scene was closely imitated.

That this is an age of intellect cannot be denied, but it will not get a place in history for its stage. Materialism, love of gain, show, fashion and frivolity, as its most distinguished features. Degrading literature of the last hundred years, and with